

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number**

0500-0614

**Case Title:**

Village of Crestwood, IL

**Reporting Office:**

Chicago, IL, Area Office

**Subject of Report:**

Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on September 14, 2010

**Activity Date:**

September 14, 2010

**Reporting Official and Date:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SA

28-SEP-2010, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SA

**Approving Official and Date:**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SAC

29-SEP-2010, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), ASAC

**SYNOPSIS**

09/14/2010 - On September 14, 2010, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was interviewed. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who was formerly employed by Layne Western, provided details of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) employment, as well as the work that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conducted with the Village of Crestwood's drinking water well.

**DETAILS**

On September 14, 2010, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) North Aurora, IL, telephone (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), was interviewed by this reporting agent (RA), Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Criminal Investigation. This interview was conducted at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) residence, in North Aurora, IL.

Upon meeting (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) RA displayed EPA-CID credentials to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) RA advised (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wished to speak to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) employment at Layne Western, specifically regarding issues relating to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contact with the Village of Crestwood. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) agreed to speak with RA.

In summary and not verbatim unless otherwise noted, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided the following information:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was previously employed by Layne Western for 11 years. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was laid off from the company in February 2010. As part of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) job responsibilities as Layne, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) sold services to municipalities for their drinking water wells. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believed that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) first called upon officials from Crestwood in approximately 2000.

The person that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) dealt with from Crestwood was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Over the course of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) dealings with Crestwood, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) maybe has seen (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) a total of six times. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) recalls that Layne did repairs to Crestwood's well, both to the well shaft, and the pump. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) never completed any jobs for the Village that would have included repairs or additions to the drinking water distribution system in Crestwood.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that the aquifer beneath Crestwood contains lots of iron, which can be problematic for wells. Well owners typically exercise the well pump at least once per month, to ensure that it is functioning properly. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not recall a specific conversation with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about the use of the well, but assumed that Crestwood exercised the well at least once per month. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) could not recall a conversation with anyone from Crestwood regarding chemicals or contamination in the well.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that the fact that Crestwood was making repairs to their well did not necessarily indicated that the well was being used regularly. Exercising the well regularly, along with the type

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of aquifer that the well draws from, could also account for repairs having to be made at the well.

(b) (6), (b) (7) recalls that after the use of the well became public, Layne was contacted to abandon the well for the Village. (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that (b) (6) was contacted by (b) (6), (b) (7) regarding the abandonment. When crews from Layne would go to Crestwood to work on the well, (b) (6), (b) (7) would not be present during the job.

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